31st July 1952]

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Superannuated and untrained graduate teachers employed in secondary schools.

2 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of superannuated teachers and the number of untrained graduate teachers employed in secondary schools in the State during the school-year 1951–52?

A.—The particulars are not readily available.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION (No. 2) BILL, 1952—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN:—" Questions over. Now the discussion on the Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1952, will be continued. In this connexion, I have to inform the House that many members wish to speak on this Bill. Unless I limit the time to ten minutes for each member, it is not possible to give them opportunities to speak. Therefore, I allow ten minues for each member and 20 minutes for the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

" Now, Mr. E. H. Parameswaran will speak." 4–40 p.m.

* SRI E. H. PARAMESWARAN:—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have great pleasure in supporting the motion of the Hon. the Finance Minister, that the Appropriation Bill be passed. Sir, we are very glad that without any great difficulty, the Budget Demands have been voted by the Legislative Assembly. I wish to make a few remarks about one or two points. The greatest work of the present Government is the decontrol of foodgrains. This measure has been received with the greatest acclamation by all classes of people. I feel that it is now the duty of the Government officers and Members of the Legislature and the general public to see that this measure is made a great success. It is also the duty of the Members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly to popularize the implications of this measure to the general public.

" Now, with regard to Malabar and the Nilgiris, two deficit districts, I repeat the request I made on the last occasion, namely, that the fair price shops in these two deficit districts should be continued throughout the year. Even from some other places also, we hear all sorts of complaints about the rise in the price of paddy. Yesterday I handed over to the Hon. the Food Minister representations from some of the public bodies and the Taluk Congress Committee of Ambasamudram that, in view of the rise in the price of paddy to Rs. 55 in the last few days, fair price shops should be instructed to give six ounces of rice. He has promised that he would do his best in the matter and issue necessary instructions